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DETECTING APPARATUS, ENDOSCOPE  
INSERTING DIRECTION DETECTING  
SYSTEM, AND ENDOSCOPE INSERTING  
DIRECTION DETECTING METHOD

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

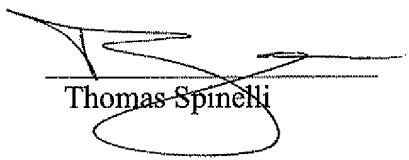
1. U.S. Patent No. 5,658,238, issued to Suzuki et al., dated August 19, 1997.

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